

REMARKS

Claims 2 and 10 have been canceled. Claims 1-2, 4-9, 11, and 13-16 have been amended. Thus, Claims 1, 3-9, and 11-16 are pending in the present application.

Claim objections

The Examiner objected to claims 1-16 under 35 U.S.C. §112 for being indefinite. The Examiner stated that in the previous claims the operating component and the human machine interface are one and the same. Applicant agrees and amended all claims to refer to the operating component as the human machine interface as disclosed in the present specification, in particular in Fig. 1.

Claim rejection under 35 USC §102:

Claims 1-16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102, as being anticipated by Schwenke (US 6,556,910). Applicant respectfully disagrees and maintains the arguments presented in the previous response. However, to further prosecution, Applicant included the limitation of former claim 2 into independent claim 1 and the limitation of claim 10 into independent claim 9.

Even though the Examiner stated that Schwenke discloses that the relevance of specific data for the human machine interface is indicated, Applicant carefully studied Schwenke, in particular the cited paragraphs but was unable to find any information or suggestion with respect to this limitation.

As previously stated, the dependent claims include all the limitations of the independent claims 1 or 9. Thus, these claims are at least allowable to the extent of the independent claims. However, these claims include further limitations which are neither shown nor suggested by the prior art. For example, claims 3 and 11 provide for the inclusion of specific images related to the human machine interface. Claims 4, 5, 12 and 13 provide for manual or

automatic post processing of the data. Other limitations not shown in the prior art are included in other dependent claims.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the present set of claims.

CONCLUSION

The application as defined in the pending claims is patentable under 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103 in view of the cited prior art. Therefore, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of all pending claims.


Applicants do not believe that any other fees are due at this time; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to this document, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct the fees from Deposit Account No. 02-0383, (*formerly Baker & Botts, L.L.P.*) Order Number 071308.0239.

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